Korean War - The reason that we are here for the exercise

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Aug. 3, 1950, the South Korean Army set a defense line that is called the 'Nakdong-River Defense Line', the tactical perimeters were distant from Daegu about 22 Kilometers(12 miles) north. It was crucial to keep this line to take the initiative of the war. The North Korean Army also knew the importance of that line. That was the reason for them to dispatch reinforcements of 35 T-34 tanks and three more divisions which is around 21,500 soldiers.

As the North Korean regime declared, they concentrated on collapsing the defense line to go through to Busan by Aug. 15. But they consequently failed due to the lengthened and distorted troop formations over the Peninsula which was caused by their haste tactics. It stalemate was reached was hard to fight and supply effectively when the troop formations became lengthened.

1st Division and 13th Division of begun. the ROK Army with the support of 1st Calvary Division of the U.S. Army formed a defensive line to revenge. There was a tug of war between the Allied forces and the Kaeseong July of 1951,

communists. A territory which had belonged to the alliance in the morning was taken by communists at night. Right after, the allied forces took it back in the morning then lost it at night, again. The situation was almost impossible to foretell.

At that moment, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the Allied Forces succeeded in a surprise landing at Incheon, pushing the Communists out of South Korea and advanced into the North.

But in October, the Communist Chinese intervened, throwing such large numbers of troops into battle, the U.N. forces were forced to retreat. Seoul once again fell into Communist hands on Jan. 4, 1951. The U.N. forces regrouped and

Seoul on Mar. 12. A roughly in the area along the 38th Parallel, where the conflict had

At this point the Soviet Union called for truce negotiations, which finally began at



Even though the Allied Forces went up near the border between North Korea and China, the udden intervention of PRC made the Soldiers withdraw near the present 'Truce-line' Owing to the extreme weather condition of northern part of the Peninsula, Soldiers suffered

and were transferred to Panmunjeon in November of the same year. The talks dragged on for two years before an armistice agreement was reached July 27, 1953.

Unfortunately, our fathers' patriotic and brave trials could not put an end to the war. And there are still lots of intimidations committed by North Korea mounted a counterattack, retaking such as weapons of mass destruction.

The colors of the sky in Daegu

MARCH 28

11 C

51 F 34 F

1 C

MAR 29

High T Low T 34 F 57 F 14 C 1 C

MAR 30



High T Low T 60 F 35 F 17 C 2 C

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However, we're standing here, right on the place where our fathers threw their precious lives to keep the defense line intact. With our friends, we are always vigilant and ready to fight tonight, going together to protect our beloved one – family, friends and most of all, democracy. The futures of the U.S. and the ROK are forever indeed.

Things that you should remember!

Once you leave CP OSCAR, <u>do not display</u> your ID badge outside the fence.

Put your BDU collar on the *outside of your LBV* so your rank shows.

The smoking area has been moved from the G1 corner to <u>an</u> area near the outdoor latrine next to G4.

When there is an NBC attack/alert, <u>no ones goes in or out</u> of the bulding until all clear is given.

TMP vehicles need to be parked *in the marked off areas of*the commissary parking lot.



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REPORTING LAW OF WAR VIOLATIONS

Every Soldier has a duty to report suspected law of war violations. DoD Directive 5100.77 requires prompt reporting of incidents committed by or against U.S. or enemy people. U.S. personnel should report a suspected violation through the chain of command to the first commander with an assigned judge advocate. The judge advocate will assist the commander in dertermining the reportable information (who, what, why, where and when). In the Korean Theater of Operation, the report of the incident is referred to Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, USFK, ATTN: Operational Law Division for further action. The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) investigates reported incidents that may involve a violation of the UCMJ or as directed by HQDA. Soldiers should be prepared to assist any investigation or inquiry into the incident.

- Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

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KOREAN TONGUE

By Sgt. Kim, Joon-sik / KATUSA

Useful Expressions

How much is it? : Yi-guo Uhl-mah-yeh-yo?

What time is it?: Ji-geum Meyot-see-yeh-yo?

I'm hungry : Bae-go-poh-yo. I'm full : Bae-bull-luh-yo.

Family Members

Grandfather : Haal Ah Buh Ji Grandmother: Haal Muh Nee

Father (Dad): Ah Buh Ji (Ah-bbah)

Mother (Mom): Uh Muh Nee (Um Mah)

#Brother: Oh Bbah / Hyung #Sister: Uhn Nee / Noo Nah

The former expression is the way that younger sister calls her older brother while the latter one is the way that younger brother calls his older brother.







The voice of the Warriors

By Cpl. Park, Ji-yong / KATUSA

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What is the most difficult part of your mission during this exercise?

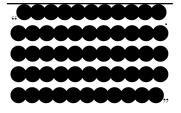


Cpt. Tony Mai G2 Plans Officer G2 PLEX, 8th U.S. Army

"Getting the intel info from different sections was formidable. On top of that, trying to do a briefing while you are in a gas mask is difficult as well."



Sgt. Marc Purinton Trumpet player Band, 8th U.S. Army





Spc. Jerome Lackie Info Sys Analyst G6, 8th U.S. Army

"Working long hours doesn't allow for much downtime. However, I have some time for personal hygiene. Thus, I'm suffering on the amount of sleep recently."



Sgt. Sung, Ho-jin Chaplain Assistant Chaplain's office, 8th U.S. Army

"The DFAC is too far, so it takes much time to get there. And we have lots of officers and NCOs at the same time. Thus hard to differentiate them when I decide if I need to salute."

Watch out for the 'Yellow Dust' phenomenon

Story by Sgt. Choi, Eui-jin / KATUSA

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Have you had an eye irritation or a sore throat recently? If so, it may be because of the 'Yellow Dust' phenomenon. In the months of March and April, this phenomenon otherwise known as 'Hwangsa' in Korean, commonly occurs in the Land of the Morning Calm.

This seasonal dust storm originates from the deserts in and around China and Mongolia. As the soil that was frozen during the winter melts and breaks apart, it becomes small sandy dust. Strong winds cause this dust to be lifted up into air and moved all the way to Korea. This sandy dust blows across Korea and is stayed in the air which causes much harm.

Even though the dust is harmful to the environment and machinery, it is especially harmful to the human body. That is why it has been a serious issue in Korea for the past several years. The dust consists of heavy metallic substances such as lead, cadmium, copper, quart and aluminum, which are harmful to the human body. These and other elements within it can cause people to

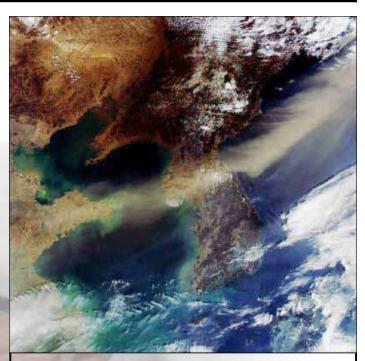
have allergies, all sorts of trouble in the respiratory system and in severe cases, cancer in the long run. Due to these problems, movements around the world to stop desertification, which is the main cause of the dust, are taking place.

Movements such as planting trees are being done, but that can only be a solution for the long run. Unfortunately, the only thing we can do at the moment is to avoid it. To keep

out of danger, each individual should try to minimize outdoor activities when a warning is put out on it. For those who need to step out the door, it is advised that you use a mask and also wash hands, feet, eyes and nose often to wash off the dust.

These dusts can be a problem for Soldiers as well. That is why it is advised that Soldiers avoid outdoors activities and outdoors PT when signs of 'Yellow Dust' are evident.

According to Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), due to the changes in weather, the situation



The thin brown line in the satellite picture of Korea, shows the movement of Yellow Dust'. This line is the frequent route the dust has been floating in recent years.

has improved recently. However, Soldiers must be cautious and aware of this phenomenon as it can be at a harmful stage without notice. So be advised, wash regularly and avoid being outdoors.

